



Date: Friday 20th March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your continued support with our school events. The children all enjoyed wearing their own clothes for 'Red Nose Day' today.

A reminder that newsletters will be emailed to you once a fortnight, uploaded to the school website and put on Facebook in order to ensure that everyone can see it.

Please can you keep an eye out for information on all school events.

Reminder: School closes on Thursday 2nd April for the Easter holidays and re-opens on Tuesday 21st April.



Breakfast Club – After the Easter Holidays - New start time – 8.15am - gates will close at 8.25am

Please be aware that we are extending breakfast club so that it is 30 minutes long. This is because we are accessing some new funding from the Department for Education and it is a requirement. This will mean that our gates will close at 8.25am for breakfast club from Tuesday 21st April. Bookings can be made from Monday 23rd March until Friday 27th March by telephoning the office on 01325 244001 or emailing admin@firthmoor.org.uk. Going forward bookings will be taken via Arbor.

Parent Appointments – Week Beginning: 23rd March

Please ensure that you arrange a convenient time to speak to your child's teacher about their progress as it is so important to find out how their learning is progressing. Please contact the school office to arrange an appointment.



Easter Crafts

We will be holding Easter craft sessions where parents/carers will be invited into school to work with their child on some Easter crafts. The dates are below. You do not need to book for this event. We will also be holding an Easter Egg decorating competition so this can be an opportunity for you to create your Easter Egg masterpiece or you can complete your entry at home. Please ensure that you bring your entry into school by 3.15pm on Wednesday 1st April so that the eggs can be judged and winners announced on Thursday 2nd April in 'Celebration Assembly.' All entries must contain the child's name and class.



London Visit Meeting for Parents – Thursday 30th April at 4.15pm

We will be holding a meeting in school for parents of pupils attending the London trip. This will be an opportunity to find out more information about the visit and find out about what to pack.

Transferring to Arbor from Parent Pay.

We will cease to use Parent Pay from **Monday 23rd March at 8am**. Could we ask that all balances are cleared before this date and time. Any credits/debits will be transferred to Arbor in preparation for the roll out of Arbor on **Monday 30th March**. The primary guardian will receive an email with instructions on how to log into Arbor. There will be a week where no payments can be made but once you are up and running with Arbor payments should be made on this platform.

The admin team will be here to support you during the transition,

Wraparound care for Reception to Year 6 term time only

Our childcare will begin from **Monday 11th May**. After school childcare will run from 3.15pm until 6pm with a view to also providing an earlier childcare breakfast club offer if we have sufficient need.

An information sheet regarding charges etc is at the bottom of the newsletter. Bookings will be made via Arbor – we will advise parents when the booking system is open.

If you have any questions or queries please contact the admin team.



Pupil Attendance

As we are now part of Northern Lights Learning Trust, we will be working towards following their guidance for attendance. We will update you in due course on how these changes will affect you.

We need to safeguard all pupils in school so when a pupil is absent, and we have not heard from the pupil's family for 3 days then we will call out to the home to check that the pupil is fit and well. If we are not able to make contact, then we may refer this to the local authority safeguarding team. If you are on holiday, then please let the school know so that it does not become a safeguarding issue.



Sports Update

Spring – PE Kit Days

Here are the days that your child will be taking part in PE lessons in **Spring 2**

Y1CB – Monday and Friday

Y12HI – Monday and Tuesday

Y2TH – Monday and Tuesday

Y3NT - Monday and Friday

Y34SBRH – Tuesday and Thursday

Y4MT – Wednesday and Friday

Y5DM – Tuesday and Thursday

Y56AW – **Tuesday (swimming)** and Wednesday

Y6LJ – Monday and Thursday

Please note that pupils in Mrs Walker's class (Y56AW) will be swimming on Tuesdays throughout the Spring Term.

PE Kit

Pupils should wear a plain red t-shirt, plain black shorts, leggings or tracksuit and trainers.

No jewellery to be worn on PE days.

Children in Year 1 to Year 6 can come to school dressed in their PE kits on their specified PE days.

Children in Reception will continue to change into their PE kits at school. Please bring kits in a school drawstring bag.

Clubs

Our spring clubs are now up and running. This term our clubs are:

Monday – Y3 Games club with Sporting Futures

Monday – Year 6 Maths club with Miss Jamieson

Wednesday – Mrs Walker's maths club

Wednesday – Mrs Irwin's Fun Key Skills

Wednesday – Miss Childs-Carty Arts and Crafts club

Wednesday – Choir with Miss True and Mrs Coad

Thursday – Board Games club with Miss Heslop

Thursday - Dance club with Miss Trainer

Friday – Y6 Games club with Sporting Futures

If your child is unable to attend their club, please could you let the office know so the coach/ teacher is aware.



OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning)

We are continuing to develop our playtimes and are always looking at introducing new activity boxes. We are also trying to ensure our playtime boxes are kept safe and dry. Do you have any unwanted tarpaulins we could use to keep our boxes dry?

If you do have items that you can donate, please put them in a plastic bag and either bring them to the office or send them to school with your child. Miss True will have a box to collect donated items in.

As part of our OPAL project, we aim to be outside as much as we can for play time and dinner time. Therefore, please can you ensure your child comes to school in a waterproof coat every day.

Diary of Events:

(More information on these events in the next newsletter)

Event	Date and Time	Year Group		Parents/Carers Invited
Easter Crafts	Tues 31st March 9.15am	Year 3/4 Year 4		Yes
Easter Crafts	Tues 31st March 2pm	Rec Year 1 Year 1 /2 Year 2		Yes
Easter Crafts	Wed 1st April 9.15am	Year 5 Year 6		Yes
Easter Crafts	Wed 1st April 10.30am	Nursery		Yes
Easter Crafts	Wed 1st April 2pm	Year 3 Year 5/6		Yes

Safeguarding Information for Parents

Please see below some links to useful websites with safeguarding information for parents.

Supporting SEND - <https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/supporting-young-people-with-send-online/>

Parent Controls - <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/>



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Wraparound Care

3.15pm to 4pm	£3.00	Session 1	
3.15pm to 5pm including snack	£7.00	Session 2	
3.15pm to 6pm including snack	£11.00	Session 3	

- Bookings and payment for your child must be made in advance – by 12 noon the day before attendance on Arbor. Bookings can be made on a weekly, monthly or termly basis in advance.
- Wrap around care is only available during term time only and does not operate in school holidays.
- All children wishing to attend must be registered through Arbor to ensure that the maximum number is not exceeded, and the correct ratio of staff is maintained
- Any cancellations must be made by 12 noon the day before otherwise full charges will apply.
- Wrap around charges £4 per hour
- If children are not collected on time there will be a charge made on an increasing scale to offset costs occurred.

Late collection at the end of the day 6.00pm

- Up to 15 minutes £4
- From 15 minutes to 30 minutes £8
- After 1 hour Social Services will be contacted unless we have had a phone call with a reasonable explanation explaining the delay.
- Continued late pickups will be reviewed by the Headteacher who will consider what actions will be taken.

Exceptional circumstances

- Ad hoc emergency bookings on the day can be made by contacting the school on 01325 244001